

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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NALCO Refinery
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the timeline fixed for the setting up of the alumina refinery by National Aluminium Company (NALCO) within the existing Damanjodi refinery in Koraput, Odisha;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to aid the completion procedure in a time frame manner; and
- (c) the timeline fixed for the development of the newly allotted 200 million tonne coal blocks in Angul district, Odisha?

Answer

(a) & (b): The proposal of National Aluminium Company Ltd. (NALCO) for setting up of 1.0 MTPA (Million Tonne Per Annum) Alumina Refinery (Stream-5) at Damanjodi at an estimated cost of Rs. 5540 Crore was approved by NALCO Board on 10th December, 2014. The scheduled completion date is 31st July, 2020. Allotment of Pottangi Bauxite Deposit in favour of NALCO is critical for the expansion project. Ministry of Mines had taken up the matter with Government of Odisha and reserved the deposit in favour of NALCO. Government of Odisha has also taken an 'in principle' decision in this regard.

(c): Ministry of Coal in their letter dated 11.9.2015 has allotted Utkal D & E blocks in favour of NALCO and has directed the Nominated Authority of Ministry of Coal to execute allotment order of the Utkal D & E block in favour of NALCO. NALCO has drawn an action plan to start raising of coal in 24 months from the date of execution order in favour of NALCO. Considering 31st March 2016 as zero date on execution of agreement, production from Utkal-D block is expected to commence in April, 2018. Production from Utkal-E block is expected to commence in April, 2019.